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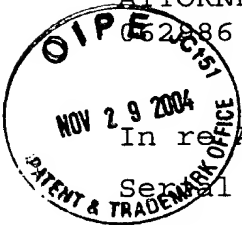
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Title: PACKETIZED DATA TRANSMISSIONS IN A
SWITCHED ROUTER ARCHITECTURE

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application which was filed on June 28, 2001. Applicant previously filed a Request for Status on September 6, 2002 and July 23, 2003. Applicant received a communication dated July 29, 2003 indicating a communication on the merits would be received in 15 months. However, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant is filing this Third Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 132 or 151 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at telephone number 214.953.6507.

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I hereby certify that the attached Third Request for Status is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 29th day of November 2004, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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